

**Subject:** RE: Pico/Normandie Transit Plaza  
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**To:** "Gerry Valido (gerry.valido@lacity.org)" <gerry.valido@lacity.org>  
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Hi Gerry:

We appreciate your response on the newest upgrade to a LANI project as well as all of your help on our recent adopt-a-median applications.

We'll certainly complete a new application for the changes envisioned at Pico/Normandie Plaza.

We're limited on funding so your program seems like the best fit given the savings on permitting and the fact that the plaza was previously approved for the program.

We've reached out to the manufacturer of the musical pieces, RecWest, to see if they can supply standardized plans that have been approved by the City previously.

RecWest works extensively with the City's Rec & Parks department so I'm hopeful that they may be able to assist us with this documentation.

Thanks, again, and we'll be in touch with the completed application soon.

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Sent: Wednesday, April 4, 2018 12:57:01 PM  
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Sir,

Thanks for reaching out.

I admire your idealism 😊😊

The fact of the matter is that the process for something like this is not as easy as "amending the existing agreement."

A brand new application would have to be submitted, and it would have to undergo review by several City agencies.

Turn around time would NOT be expedient, unfortunately--at least 3 months turnaround for just the first review.

Please visit this link to read about the Adopt-A-Median process:

<http://dpw.lacity.org/office-community-beautification/start-beautification-project-your-community#nid-2346>

OR, you could just go directly to the public counter, and have this done through them.....which would probably be a bit

faster, but you would have to pay for your permit fees.

I'll be here if you need me, when you decide which course of action to take.

thanks,

Gerry

On Wed, Apr 4, 2018 at 10:20 AM, Moises Gomez <[moises@lani.org](mailto:moises@lani.org) <<mailto:moises@lani.org>> > wrote:

Hello Mr. Valido,

First of all, let me introduce myself. I am the new LANI Program Manager for the BLQ BID.

I wanted to reach out to you regarding the opportunity to upgrade the Pico/Normandie Transportation Plaza <https://goo.gl/maps/uYMQdyZ8KoJ2> on the southwest corner of Pico Blvd. and Normandie Ave.

LANI applied for and received a small grant from KABOOM! which give us the opportunity to upgrade the site the by installing various musical interactive pieces designed to further improve the location's use as a community hub for the area.

An Adopt a Median Program agreement is on place for the site (see the attachments). Can you please let me know the process for amending the existing agreement to reflect this change so that we can expedite the process of installing the pieces? The BLQ BID will remain the responsible party for the plaza's maintenance.

Installation of the structures will require that we remove 4-5 of the existing benches which we can use at another location. We would then install 4-5 interactive musical pieces in the central area of the plaza.

Your guidance in this matter is appreciated and if you have any question I would be more than happy to set up a phone call between the two if us and my Neighborhood Improvement Projects Director, Rebecca Draper.

Sincerely,

Moises Gomez

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